

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2010 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and interact on issues of mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from July 3–11 of this year. During this 10 day exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat Members, Bundestag and Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic, and media agencies. Participants also will be hosted by a Bundestag Member during a district visit.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States for 10 days April 24–May 2 of this year. They will attend similar meetings here in Washington and visit the districts of Members of Congress. The U.S. delegation is expected to facilitate these meetings.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States, and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of States' Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation should consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

In addition, U.S. participants are expected to help plan and implement the program for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States. Participants are expected to assist in planning topical meetings in Washington, and are encouraged to host one or two staffers in their Member's district in July, or to arrange for such a visit to another Member's district.

Participants are selected by a committee composed of personnel from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State and past participants of the exchange.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Applications may be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HB–28, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

HONORING THE TAWAS AREA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 22, 2010

Mr. STUPAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team and coach Ken Cook on capturing the team's eighth straight district championship title and their first regional championship. Throughout the season these young men worked together as a team, displaying exemplary athletic skills along with determination and focus.

The team ended their season with an impressive 20–3–1 record, winning their first ever regional championship in a 3–0 victory over the Newaygo Lions. Despite playing in tough conditions, the Braves were able to dominate the offense while maintaining a strong defense, led by a shutout performance by goalkeeper Nick Hulea. The team also defeated the Roscommon Bucks, 3–2 in the district championship game. This was the 8th consecutive district championship for the Braves and the 11th district title in 13 seasons.

In addition to their talent on the field, I commend the entire team and coaching staff for their excellent display of teamwork throughout the season. Every one of the Braves saw playing time, and each individual was able to contribute to the team's championship season. This hard work and team spirit is a reflection not only on these young men and their coaches, but also the entire Tawas community.

In addition to the teams winning record, senior Cody Jordan set a Tawas record 45 goals in the 2009 season. With 12 seniors on the team it is especially fitting that they ended their high school soccer career achieving the long sought after goal of a regional championship.

Local sports play a key role in schools and communities throughout Northern Michigan. I congratulate each member of the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer team: Seniors Kurds Branham, D.J. Decker, Aran

Freel, Nicholas Hulea, Cody Jordan, Ryan Kaschner, Braden Kauffman, Derek Keim, Dylan Loga, Antoine Mauron, J.D. Putz and Travis Simmons; Juniors Talal Abdallah, Joseph Boensch, Andrew DiFilippo, Benjamin Enzenberger and Kyle Hewitt; Sophomores Dylan Gotcher and Tyler Jordan; and Managers Ali Jungquist and Audrey Thoryk.

I also applaud the leadership of head coach Ken Cook and assistant coaches Matt Friedemann and Dan DiFilippo. Their diligence on and off the field, and post-season vision and strategy guided the team through a successful season, culminating in an impressive series of post-season victories.

Madam Speaker, the 2009 Tawas Area High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team has won an impressive eight straight coaches Matt Friedemann and Dan DiFilippo. Their diligence on and off the field, and post-season vision and strategy guided the team through a successful season, culminating in an impressive series of post-season victories.

CYBERSECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4061, the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2009, and I would like to thank my colleagues, Rep. LIPINSKI for introducing this measure, and Rep. EHLERS, Rep. WU, Rep. SMITH AND REP. HALL for their contributions to gain bipartisan support on this very important legislation that we are considering today.

This bill will help ensure a strategic plan for Federal Cybersecurity Research & Development (R&D) activities, strengthen public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, help train the next generation of cybersecurity professionals, and improve cybersecurity technical standards.

Our Nation's cyber-infrastructure is an interconnected combination of private, public and government networks. It is critical that government and industry work closely to protect both the infrastructure and the future of innovation. Giving them the tools to ensure they can protect themselves—access to timely action-oriented information and availability of insurance for cyber incidents—as well as encouraging critical cybersecurity R&D here in the U.S., are the most important efforts our administration can take to secure our cyber-infrastructure.

We are all aware of the growing number of Internet security incidents, involving such

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